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ABSTRACT

Recognizing the need for a strong family housing program to support a student body composed of many nontraditional students, Texas Woman's University converted a traditional residence hall into a family housing unit with an after-school and summer recreation program. The majority of residents in family housing are single mothers with children who juggle the roles of parent, student, and sole breadwinner. Some are recently divorced and/or have come from a situation in which there was abuse. Through student internships and other university and community resources, the student residents and families benefit from a support system that would be impossible to provide outside the university. Convenient to classes and supported by academic components, the family housing program provides an environment in which students are able to fulfill their multiple roles. Program success is evident from the residence waiting list. Appended materials include brochures and newspaper articles about the residence program. (Author/MSE)

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The four objectives of the project are:

- o To increase the information on model programs available to all institutions through the ERIC system
- o To encourage the use of the ERIC system by AASCU institutions
- o To improve AASCU's ability to know about, and share information on, activities at member institutions, and
- o To test a model for collaboration with ERIC that other national organizations might adopt.

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TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

FAMILY HOUSING AND SERVICES

ABSTRACT

Recognizing the need in 1982 for a strong family housing program which would support a student body composed of many nontraditional students, Texas Woman's University energetically and creatively transformed a traditional residence hall into a family housing unit complete with an after-school and summer recreation program. A majority of the residents who reside in family housing are single mothers with children who juggle several roles (parent, student, and "sole breadwinner"). Some have been recently divorced and/or have come from a situation in which there was abuse. Through the use of student internships and other university and community resources, the students residing in this hall with their families benefit from a support system that it would be impossible to provide outside the environs of the university.

Convenient to classes and buttressed by the academic components, the family housing program at the Texas Woman's University provides a unique environment in which students are better able to fulfill the multiple roles that are a part of the educational experience of the nontraditional student. The success of this program is measured by the waiting list for resident status. The availability of this housing complete with an after-school recreation program serves as an attraction for new students and the programs available to children meet a growing need for child care which is as much a trend at the Texas Woman's University as it is nationally.

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

FAMILY HOUSING AND SERVICES

INTRODUCTION

There are increasing numbers of women who have returned to school to enable them to pursue viable careers of their choice. Many of the women who are entering or returning to the university environment are also mothers of young children. These women are either continuing to work or returning to the labor force full time once they complete their degrees. In March, 1985, 52 percent of all women (husband present) with infant children one year old or younger were in the labor force compared to 31 percent in 1975. In 1985, 65 percent of the employed mothers with children under age 3 worked full time as did 67 percent of those with children 3 to 5 years old and 70 percent of those whose youngest child was 6 to 17.

It is no surprise that a major outgrowth of this return to school and shift in the labor market is the need for quality care and education for young children as well as support for the parent. The current support mechanisms for women and systems of child care are fragmented, limited in scope, and often lack quality. Governments, both federal and state, are proposing new child care legislation as one answer. Universities, such as Texas Woman's University, with their triple mission of education, research, and service, offer another.

Texas Woman's University (TWU), the largest university primarily for women in the United States, has a long history of family support through programs in childhood education and the provision of child care. The TWU Child Development Center has been providing care and education for the children of TWU students, faculty, staff, and alumnae for the past 20 years. To complement this existing program and recognizing the need for a strong family housing program which would support a student body composed of many single women with children, the Department of University Housing in 1982 began transforming a traditional residence hall into a family housing unit complete with an after-school and summer recreation program (The Clubhouse).

This document describes the development of the Family Housing and Clubhouse programs, the students served, and outcomes that are beginning to appear. A description of ongoing research and pursuit of funding sources for major projects is also addressed.

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

FAMILY HOUSING AND SERVICES PROGRAM

Over the past twelve years the student population at Texas Woman's University has changed with the average age in 1977 of 21 to an average age in 1989 of 30. Recognizing the needs of a changing student population, the Division of Student Life and the Department of University Housing have implemented new services to meet the unique needs of TWU's students.

In 1979 the Department of University Housing began receiving feedback from the students and faculty requesting that the possibility of providing on-campus housing for students with families be investigated. The predominant number of student requests came from single parents with children who indicated a need for housing, initially during the summer months. The Director of University Housing and the Vice President for Student Life began to explore this possibility and to identify a potential site. The university population continued to change with more students coming to Texas Woman's University on a year-round basis in need of on-campus family housing (approximately 46% being either married or single parents).

In 1982 Mary Hufford Hall was identified as an ideal site for a family housing setting. It had originally been designed as a co-operative living environment with very large student rooms, accommodating four individuals, and a private bath in each room. The facility was built in a U shape with a courtyard in the middle along with a back gate. This appeared to be a perfect play area for young children.

In 1983 eight rooms were converted to eight efficiency apartments starting a very small family housing program. The following year the original floor plan was modified and an additional eight rooms were converted to efficiency apartments with a small room off the living room that could be used as a child's bedroom or study area. At that time single students were housed in the remaining student rooms. As the demand continued for family housing, the decision was made in 1985 to convert the remainder of the residence hall to apartments for families. This initiated the difficult task at the end of the 1986 spring semester of reassigning the single students who had traditionally resided in this facility to other residential facilities on campus. During the summer of 1986 and the summer and fall of 1987 the remaining rooms were renovated to two-bedroom apartments, taking two traditional rooms for each apartment. It was found that the families on campus preferred the larger space provided in a two-bedroom apartment and were willing to pay a higher monthly rent to ensure their privacy through this type of space.

A majority of the residents (70%) that reside in family housing are single mothers with children. Many of these students come to the university juggling several roles--that of parent, student, and "sole breadwinner" for the family. Some of the residents are dealing with a recent divorce and/or have come from a situation where there was physical abuse from a spouse. The department provides residents with resources relating to such areas as family relations, parenting, self-concept, study skills, and general stress management. This facility is staffed with undergraduate student office workers who are supervised by a Graduate Residence Director (who works part-time) and a full-time Area Director with an earned master's degree. These staff members, in conjunction with the resident-organized Family Living Council, utilize university and community resources to provide programs for the family housing population.

An integral part of the Family Housing Program is the "Clubhouse", an after-school recreation program for school-age children (those between 5 and 12 years old). With assistance from the University's Recreation Department, this has become a very successful program. Child care is always a chief issue among families coming to the university campus. Most of these families do not have adequate financial resources to complete their education. Due to this fact, parents had attempted in the past to conserve funds by leaving their young children alone for a short time while they went to class or to a meeting. This situation created supervision and relationship problems for both the staff and the residents. The obvious need of supervised attention for the children provided the main impetus for the development and implementation of the after-school recreation program.

The Clubhouse recreation program provides structured experiences for children (between the ages of 5 and 12) from 3-6 pm, Monday through Friday, while the University is in session for the fall and spring semesters. During the summer terms, the Clubhouse provides structured recreation experiences for children from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Priority is given to children in on-campus housing. Off-campus students with children may also use this service at a slightly higher price on a space-available basis. The program is supervised by a recreation coordinator and one to four recreation leaders who provide the children with a variety of enjoyable growth-producing experiences.

In addition to the service provided for the student residents, the Family Housing and Clubhouse programs provide valuable educational experiences for students from a number of disciplines. A graduate student position is available for a masters or doctoral student in the areas of counselor education, psychology, family and consumer studies, nursing (family or psychiatric emphasis), education, or other fields related to families, counseling, and child development. This person works directly with the family housing program. A second graduate student position is available for a master's or doctoral student in the areas of recreation, physical education, child development education, or other fields related to

the education of the young child. This person works directly with the Clubhouse after-school recreation program. Clubhouse recreation leader positions are also available to undergraduate or graduate students in the areas of recreation, physical education, child development, elementary education, fine arts education, or other related fields. Each of these positions serves as an educational training experience for the students involved.

The Family Housing and Clubhouse programs also serve a number of students who are not in paid positions. In the short period of time since these programs have been fully operational, they have been the site for practicums in nursing, counselor education, and recreation. Each semester students and faculty use the Clubhouse Program for observations and both programs for research and class projects. The academic programs served have been: adaptive physical education, social work, child development, recreation, physical education, language and literature, music therapy, dance, nursing, dental hygiene, journalism and broadcasting, psychology, art education, deaf education, occupational therapy, elementary education, speech and hearing, and library science.

It is a great benefit to have laboratory sites on the university campus. The Family Housing and Clubhouse programs provide an excellent resource for TWU students. Their involvement also provides many benefits for the programs with added resources and services for student residents and children.

Since the Department of University Housing is an auxiliary enterprise, State funds cannot be used in support of the housing program. The funding for family housing came from rent collected from residence hall students and other auxiliary enterprises. The renovation projects were scheduled for rent payments to cover the renovation costs over a three-year period. The Clubhouse recreation program has been developed to break even. The fees collected for Clubhouse during the year cover the cost of basic materials and personnel; the space used is in the family housing residence hall so there are no additional costs incurred by this program from the location.

The demand for family housing and services continues to grow at Texas Woman's University. The Department of University Housing is frequently faced with a waiting list for the limited apartment housing available. The on-campus family population has grown yearly with a 363% increase since 1983. There are currently 56 children residing in family housing. The Department of University Housing is also receiving a large number of requests from off-campus students to enroll their children in the Clubhouse Recreation Program.

To provide high quality services that are in keeping with the departmental mission of facilitating a living/learning environment, it is imperative that children are offered, as well as parents, growth-producing opportunities. Although experiences are provided to enhance the emotional and intellectual development of the

children through programs such as the Clubhouse, there is also a need to provide children with additional opportunities to develop and refine their motor skills.

Until recently, the family housing play area offered a swing set, sandbox, and teeter-totter to accommodate 56 children representing ages 7 months to 13 years. The off-campus children participating in the Clubhouse increased further the case of the limited equipment. There was an evident need to expand the play area and provide age-appropriate equipment. A play area plan was developed through the aid of a playground consultant. The resident-run Family Living Council initiated several fundraisers to raise money to purchase playground equipment. Through their efforts and funds budgeted by the Department of University Housing, the initial phase of the play area plan was completed with the purchase of a preschool superstructure during the 1989 fall semester.

A detailed grant proposal has also been developed to request funding from local (Texas) foundations to purchase the remaining equipment. The setting and program are already in place. The remaining equipment and landscaping will provide the final component needed to make this a stronger learning and research area as well as expand the opportunity for motor, social, and cognitive growth that children in the Family Housing and the Clubhouse programs need.

Since the Family Housing and Clubhouse programs are still relatively new, outcomes research is in its initial stage. To date 29% of the students who have resided in family housing have graduated, 41% are continuing students, and 30% have not continued at the University. In-depth research with this group will be continued in order to provide important recruitment and retention information.

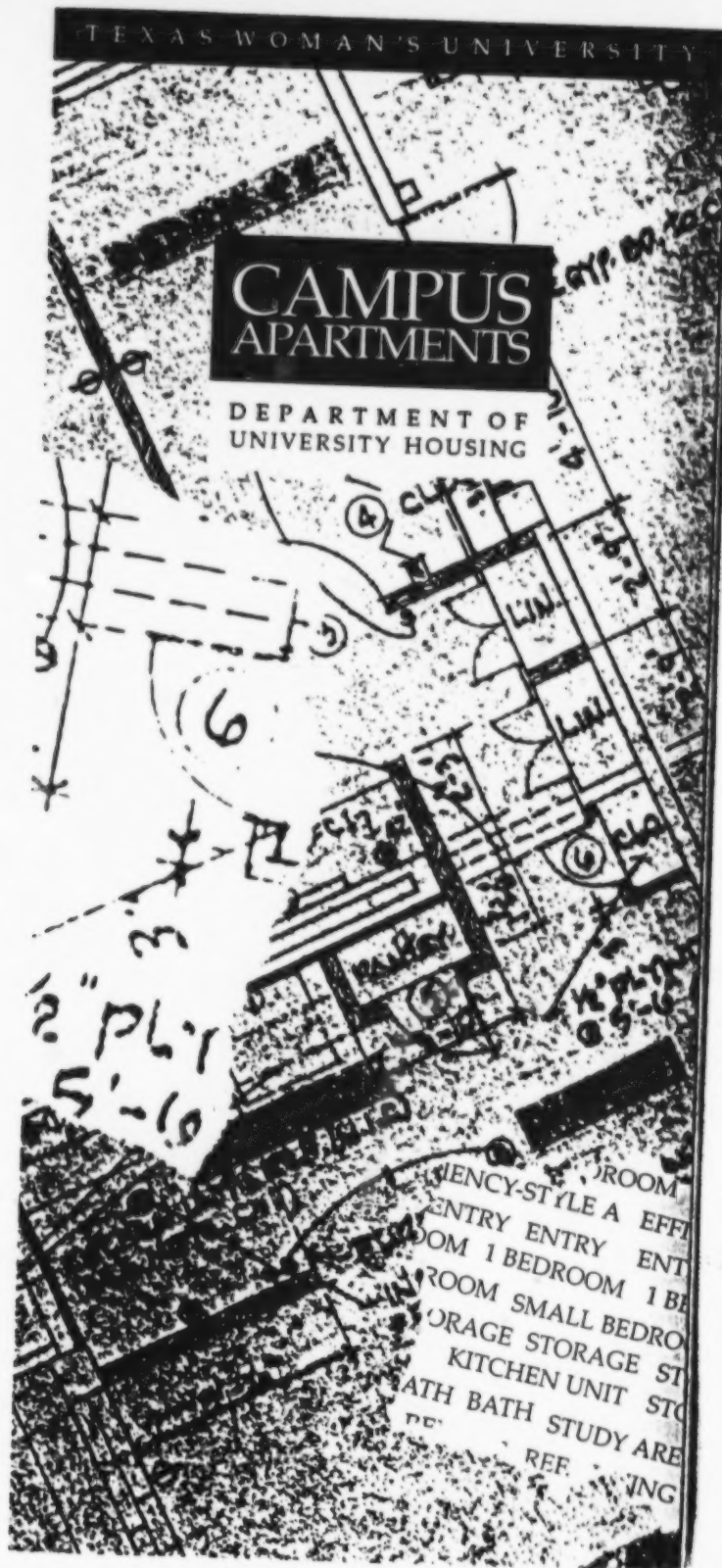
In conclusion, the Family Housing and Clubhouse programs provide a valuable service for students and the educational program at Texas Woman's University. Single parents have a secure environment to make a home while attending classes. Child care is available for preschool children through the TWU Child Development Center and school-age children through the Clubhouse Program. The accessibility of quality child care and convenient, secure housing can relieve two of the major pressures students with young families face when coming to school. The Department and the University are committed to these services as a vehicle to provide the means for students with families to obtain their education.

APPENDIX

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

CAMPUS APARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF
UNIVERSITY HOUSING



At Texas Woman's University housing is considered an integral part of the University community and educational experience. To help meet the housing needs of student families and single graduate students, the University owns and operates efficiency, one- and two- bedroom apartments.

We are pleased that you are considering a TWU campus apartment as your place of residence. The on-campus location, academic atmosphere and reasonable rates combine to make these apartments an exceptional housing opportunity. If we may be of assistance and/or answer questions you have about the apartments, please call us at 817/898-3676, or write the Department of University Housing, Texas Woman's University, P.O. Box 22305, Denton, TX 76204.

APPLICATION

An application may be submitted at any time; however, at the time housing is desired (move-in date) all eligibility requirements must be met. Early application is encouraged as assignments are made "first-come, first-served" according to the date that the application and fees are received. Submitting an application does not guarantee an assignment.

Return your completed application along with the required \$25 nonrefundable application fee and \$100 deposit to the Department of University Housing, Texas Woman's University, P.O. Box 22305, Denton, TX 76204. Upon receipt of the application fee and deposit, your name will be placed on the waiting list for the semester or session housing is desired.

If an apartment is not available at the time you apply for housing, you may choose to be placed in a traditional student room. Since apartments are not available at the Dallas and Houston Centers, the traditional student rooms are only for married students without children. On the Denton campus, if a family resides in a traditional student room, a minimum of a seven-meal plan (any seven meals Monday-Friday) must be purchased. Limited cooking facilities are available in each residence hall.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellation of application, petitions to cancel contract, and other notices must be submitted in writing to the Department of University Housing-Assignment Office, Texas Woman's University, P.O. Box 22305, Denton, TX 76204. Notifications submitted to other offices do not comply with this requirement and the official action you request cannot be assured. Students cancelling after August 1 for the fall semester, December 15 for the spring semester, May 1 for Summer I and III, and June 15 for Summer II will forfeit their \$100 deposit.

The date on which notices or petitions are received by the Department of University Housing or, if mailed, the date of the postmark will constitute the basis for determining compliance with deadlines. Notices to the student will be sent by U.S. Mail and will be addressed to the student named on the application.

Note: If the University cannot provide an apartment for the term in which the application has been made and the student wishes to cancel the application, the \$100 deposit will be refunded.

APARTMENT RATES

The monthly rental charge includes all utilities, local telephone, garbage service, normal maintenance and repair.

Type of Apartment	Guinn	Hufford		Reagan
	furn.	furn.	unfurn.	furn.
Efficiency	\$320	\$290		
1-Bedroom	\$350			\$350
2-Bedroom	\$380	\$380	\$350	

TRADITIONAL STUDENT ROOM RATES (Family Housing)

The semester rental charge includes all utilities, local telephone, garbage service, normal maintenance and repair.

Guinn, Dallas and Houston _____ \$1,180

This rate can be paid in full or in a maximum of three installments each full semester (fall or spring).

The summer per term rate is approximately one-third of the full semester rate and must be paid in full at the beginning of each term.

ELIGIBILITY

Meeting and maintaining appropriate student, family, or single-student status are key factors in obtaining an assignment for the TWU campus apartments.

Student Families: Any legally married couple, with or without child(ren), or a single parent who has legal custody of a child(ren) is eligible. A valid marriage certificate, birth certificate(s) and/or adoption paper(s) must be presented at the time of contract signing to verify family status. Only immediate family members (husband, wife, children) may occupy the apartment and they must reside together for the duration of the contract period.

The size of the apartment determines the number of occupants. A maximum of three occupants (husband, wife and child or single parent and two children) may occupy an efficiency or one-bedroom apartment. A maximum of four occupants (husband, wife and two children or single parent and three children) may occupy a two-bedroom apartment. Only married students (maximum of two occupants) without children may occupy the traditional student rooms in Guinn, Faye Pannell (Dallas Center at Parkland) and Houston Center residence halls. Families with children 12 years and older may reside in the Guinn Hall apartments, while there is no minimum age limit for children in Hufford Hall.

Single Students: Any graduate or nontraditional student is eligible. If two students apply for an apartment as roommates, they must meet eligibility requirements at the time of move-in. Undergraduate traditional students will only be placed in an apartment if there are no graduate or nontraditional student applications for the apartment. There is a maximum occupancy of two students per apartment.

Enrollment Status: Each student resident must be currently enrolled. In case of families, at least one spouse must be currently enrolled. During the summer, the student resident must be enrolled in at least one of the two summer terms to remain in the apartment.

ASSIGNMENT

Assignments are made approximately one month in advance of the requested housing date. Every effort is made to assign applicants for the time housing is desired and to the area of their first preference; however, vacancy status at the time of assignment may necessitate assignment to an applicant's second or third choice. A transfer to another location may be permitted after occupancy. If an applicant declines an assignment but wishes to remain on the waiting list for the current or some future term, the application will be placed at the back of the waiting list. If an assignment is not possible, the applicant will be informed as soon as possible to permit negotiation for other housing accommodations.

CONTRACT

New residents will find their residency more pleasurable if they understand the basic elements of the contract. Misunderstandings generally occur because residents have not read the contract; however, upon signing, they agree to all the conditions of occupancy.

The following statements are intended to

provide general information only. Specific questions should be addressed to the TWU Department of University Housing.

1) The first month's rent is pro-rated based on the effective move-in date and is due at the time of occupancy. (If the resident moves in after the 15th of the month, the initial payment will include the remainder of the month plus the next full month.) Each succeeding monthly payment is due on the first day of the month. Rent is considered in arrears if not paid by the fifth working day of the month for which it applies.

2) Obtaining and maintaining student and/or family status are essential factors for retaining eligibility. These factors are monitored closely by the Department of University Housing.

3) University and housing regulations can be found in the Student Handbook and the Residence Life Handbook. Particular policies to note are: A) Pets are not allowed on the premises at any time with the exception of fish. This restriction is for safety and health reasons. B) Alcoholic beverages can only be consumed by legal adults (21 years and older) in the confines of their apartment or room. C) Cooking is not permitted in traditional student rooms. D) Children under 12 must be supervised at all times when the parent is away from the apartment.

4) Termination of contract by the resident is limited to the end of a semester or session except for academic dismissal, disciplinary suspension or withdrawal from the University. Obtaining approval for premature termination for any other reason is difficult. Vacating in advance of the expiration or termination date does not relieve the resident of rent responsibility unless the apartment can be reoccupied by the next eligible resident.

5) The University may, upon proper written notice, terminate the contract or deny contract renewal when the resident ceases to be eligible or is found in violation of any of the contract conditions or University policies. These conditions include, but are not necessarily limited to, residents failing to meet eligibility requirements, being arrears in rent and/or keeping a pet. The University reserves the right to assign/reassign apartments during the term of the contract.

The contract is a legal document which, once signed, both the resident and the University are expected to honor.

CAMPUS APARTMENTS
AND FAMILY HOUSING APPLICATION

Please complete (print all requested information)
and return the application your \$25 nonrefundable
application fee and your \$100 deposit to: Department
of University Housing, Assignment Office, P. O. Box
22305, Texas Woman's University Denton, Texas 76204

All housing is assigned by the date order the applica-
tion is received. Make check or money order payable
to Texas Woman's University. Do not send cash. Please
write your social security number on your check.

Type of application:

- ☐ Family
☐ Single Graduate Student Apartment

Student
Name

Last First Middle

Social Security Number

Spouse
Name

Last First Middle

Social Security Number

Permanent
Address

Street

City State Zip

Permanent Phone

Spouse residing with you? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Academic Classification:

- ☐ Masters ☐ Doctoral ☐ Fr. ☐ Soph. ☐ Jr.
☐ Sr. Other: _____

Date of birth

MOVE IN/OUT INFORMATION:

Requested move-in date: _____

Projected move-out date: _____

CAMPUS APARTMENTS
AND FAMILY HOUSING APPLICATION

TYPE OF HOUSING REQUESTED:

Indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice when appropriate.

☐ Smoking ☐ Non-smoking

GUINN HALL APARTMENTS:

Single graduate students and family housing students
(children must be 12 years or older).

☐ Efficiency ☐ 1 Bedroom ☐ 2 Bedroom

Indicate names and ages of children who will be
living with you (if applicable):

HUFFORD HALL APARTMENTS:

Family housing or graduate students (when space is
available).

Efficiency: ☐ Style A ☐ Style B

2 Bedroom: ☐ Furnished ☐ Unfurnished

Indicate names and ages of children who will be
living with you (if applicable):

REAGAN HOUSTON APARTMENTS:

Single graduate students and family housing students
with spouse or older children.

☐ 1 Bedroom

Indicate names and ages of children who will be
living with you (if applicable):

TRADITIONAL ROOMS:

Married students without children.

☐ Guinn (Denton)
☐ Faye Pannel (Dallas)
☐ Houston Center

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received: _____

Deposit received: _____ In Assign: _____

RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of the resident to:

a) Keep the apartment clean and free of dirt,
garbage and trash. All trash and garbage should be
disposed of daily in the dumpsters.

b) Help keep walks, balconies, stairways and
the laundry area clean and clear of dirt and clutter.

c) Keep grounds and other common areas in a
clean and safe condition and free of toys and clutter.
Special attention is necessary in the spring, summer
and fall months.

d) Report all needed repairs to the Front Office
immediately. Repair of damages resulting from care-
lessness or negligence on the part of the resident will
be charged to the resident.

e) Repair any holes in the walls resulting from
hanging pictures or shelves prior to vacating the
apartment. If the holes are not repaired, the resident
will be charged for the damage.

f) Thoroughly clean the apartment upon
vacating. Residents who vacate their apartment
without properly cleaning it should expect to be
charged for the time required to finish the job.

CLEANLINESS

University Housing acknowledges that many
differences exist as to what is acceptable in the way of
cleanliness and housekeeping. It is not always
possible to clean all apartments between occupancies
to the degree desired and still meet required housing
dates. Therefore, new residents should anticipate
doing some house cleaning chores upon arrival in
order to satisfy their own standards of cleanliness.

SELF-PAINT PROGRAM

Residents have the option to paint their as-
signed apartment. The University sponsors this
program and supplies all of the necessary paint and
equipment. Only University paint may be used when
painting an apartment, and approval to paint an
apartment must be obtained in advance. Further
information and application for this option may be
obtained through the Graduate Residence Director or
Residence Director.

RENTER'S INSURANCE

Texas Woman's University cannot be respon-
sible for lost, stolen or damaged personal property.
Residents wishing to protect themselves from the pos-
sibility of such losses should be covered with the ap-
propriate renter's insurance.

APARTMENT STYLES AND SIZES

Apartment styles and sizes vary throughout the residence halls. There are efficiency, one- and two-bedroom units in a furnished or unfurnished condition. All apartments and student rooms include central heat and air conditioning as well as local telephone service. Linens, bedding, rugs, table or floor lamps, dishes and other such personal items are not provided in any unit. Each tenant contracts for long distance telephone service independently. Coin-operated laundry facilities are available in each building. The furnished units contain items as outlined below:

GUINN:

Kitchen:

Range (electric), refrigerator (efficiency and 1-bedroom have apartment size; 2-bedroom has full size), dinette table and chairs.

Living Room: (1- & 2-bedroom)

Sofa, desk and chair, coffee table
blinds or drapes.

Bedroom:

Twin beds, night stand, chests,
blinds or drapes.

Bathroom:

Full bath including tub/shower combination.

HUFFORD:

Kitchen:

Range (electric), full-size refrigerator,
dinette table and chairs.

Living Room: (1- & 2-bedroom)

Sofa, desk and chair, coffee table
blinds or drapes.

Bedroom:

Trundle bed (efficiency),
bunk beds (2-bedroom),
full-size bed (2-bedroom), chest, blinds.

Bathroom:

Full bath including tub/shower combination.

REAGAN-HOUSTON:

Kitchen:

Range (electric), refrigerator (full size),
dinette table and chairs.

Living Room:

Sofa, desk and chair, coffee table, blinds.

Bathroom:

Full bath including tub/shower combination.

TRADITIONAL STUDENT ROOMS:

Provide residents with:

Twin beds (Guinn, Dallas, Houston),
chest of drawers, private bathrooms,
desks and chairs, mini-blinds.

NOTE:

1) The University reserves the right to alter or discontinue without notice any furnished item; this includes draperies, blinds or shades.

2) At no time, and under no circumstances, may University furnishings be removed from the apartment by the resident. If residents wish to have some of the furniture moved out, they may complete a Move Request Form. If storage space is available, the furniture will be moved. There is a charge of \$25 for this service. Note: Furniture will not be removed from the Reagan 1-bedroom apartments or the Hufford furnished 2-bedroom apartments since unfurnished 2-bedroom apartments are offered in Hufford.

3) Unfurnished apartments have only the range and refrigerator provided.

4) At the time of occupancy the resident will be required to sign a Room Occupancy Clearance card. This card is a statement of the conditions of the apartment and all University furniture and equipment within. Upon departure the resident will be asked to sign the card again after the apartment is inspected by the staff and will be responsible for any damages and excess cleaning.

5) Apartment/room keys will be issued to the resident at the time of occupancy. There is a \$35 key and lock charge for a lock change and new keys if the resident loses the key(s).

CHILD CARE

Texas Woman's University operates an excellent day care center and laboratory school for children of TWU students, faculty, staff and alumnae. It is located on the northeast corner of the main campus off of University Drive. To receive additional information, please contact:

TWU Child Development Center
1900 Cherrywood Street
Denton, Texas 76204
(817)898-2321

A number of other day care facilities are also available within the city of Denton.

An after school and summer recreation program is offered through the Department of University Housing for school age children. When you arrive, ask us about the Clubhouse Recreation Program.

SCHOOLS

TWU campus apartments are located within the Denton Independent School District. Transportation arrangements for the children to and from school are the responsibility of the parents. For additional information, please contact:

Denton Independent School District
1307 North Locust
Denton, Texas 76201
(817)387-6151

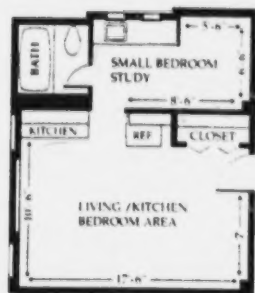
MARY HUFFORD HALL APARTMENTS

Conveniently located on Bell Avenue behind the TWU tennis courts, Mary Hufford Hall offers efficiency and 2-bedroom apartments which surround a large courtyard where children can play, providing outdoor enjoyment for all.

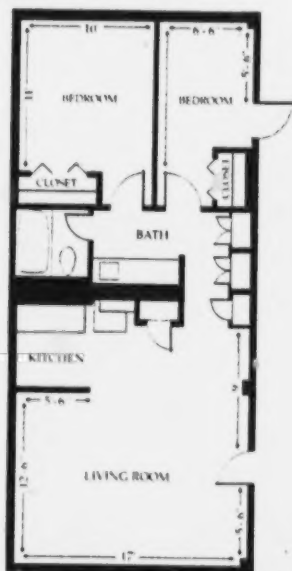
There are 16 efficiency apartments and 21 two-bedroom apartments. Eight of the efficiency apartments (Type B) have a small room off the dressing area that can be used as a child's bedroom or an office.



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2-BEDROOM

GUINN HALL APARTMENTS

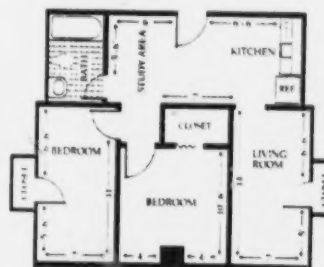
A limited number of one- and two-bedroom apartments as well as efficiency apartments are offered in Guinn Hall, conveniently located on University Drive next to the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods. There are 11 one-bedroom apartments, 5 two-bedroom apartments and 8 efficiency apartments.



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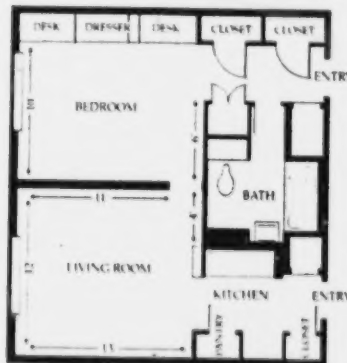
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2-BEDROOM

REAGAN-HOUSTON HALL APARTMENTS

Reagan-Houston Hall is an attractive, three-story residence hall located on Bell Avenue across from the outdoor pool. In 1988, six comfortably furnished one-bedroom apartments were completed. In 1990, another six units will be ready for occupancy.



1-BEDROOM



Fiser finishes a bowl of cereal and talks to his daughter.

Dorm family

Young family adjusts to life in TWU dormitory

Rolling up his shirt sleeves, Donald Fiser prepares to scramble two eggs for his daughter, Carmella Marie, in the doll-size apartment kitchen. Carmella Faye, his wife, sits inches away and tries to steal a few more minutes of study before her first class starts.

Mrs. Fiser puts her book down to help get the 3-and-a-half-year-old bundled up for the morning drizzle. Then the family packs up

their necessities for the start of a new day, pass out three-way good-bye kisses and leave to take care of their responsibilities.

The Fisers' morning activities may be typical for many families going to work and school each morning. Their living arrangement at Mary Hufford Hall, a Texas Woman's University dormitory, is anything but typical.

The family housing program, a program designed to house mar-

ried or single parents, was one of the reasons Mrs. Fiser, an occupational therapy graduate student, chose TWU.

"When I wrote to the college asking about the OT program, they informed me of the family dorm," Mrs. Fiser said. "I really like it. There are other children for Carmella to play with and I can watch her on the playground from the window when I'm in here studying. We pay \$275 a month

and the utilities are paid. It's hard to beat that."

Fiser, a sales counselor for the Racquetball and Health Resort International, agrees the rent is desirable even if the cramped living area isn't. "The smallness of the apartment is the most difficult thing to get used to. You're always bumping into something and you have to move one thing to get to something

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Mrs. Fiser combs Carmella Marie's hair in the apartment designed for families at Mary Hufford Hall on the TWU campus.



The Fisers share a moment alone.

Photos by BARRON LUDLUM
Story by SARALYN FENNELL

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she," he said.

Moving from Little Rock, Ark., the Fisers have had this arrangement since September. "I should graduate in '87 and I plan to stay here until then," Mrs. Fiser said. "If there had not been a dorm like this, I guess I would have come as a traditional student."

As far as the university policies are concerned, Mrs. Fiser is a traditional student regardless of the 27-year-old being married and a parent.

"We can't have liquor in the room, we have to have our rooms inspected every month, we have to sign our guests in and out and male visitors have to leave their IDs at the front desk," Mrs. Fiser said. "Some of the residents are fighting it, mostly the single parents. My courses are too demanding for me to spend the time fighting it."

Because there are traditional students living in a facility with married couples and single moms, a few problems can arise. "The complaints work both ways," Len Anne Dant, a graduate resident director for the dorm said. "The traditional students complain about the kids making too much noise sometimes and the parents complain that the traditional students get too noisy at night and awaken the children, but that's not too often."

Another problem at the dorm are toys that are being left out.

"Some of our residents are in wheelchairs and it is difficult to negotiate around toys," Ms. Dant said.

"There are 20 children ranging in age from 10 months to 13 years," Ms. Dant continued. "We have about 16 families living here. The majority of the students are traditional. I think there is a good relationship between the traditional and the non-traditional students. Some of the students are like big brothers and big sisters to the kids. The biggest problem is trying to mix such a variety."

"The kids seem to enjoy it though. On Saturday mornings, they're out early. They come over with a bowl of cereal and watch TV here in the living room. They have TVs in their rooms but they just want to come over here," she said.

When bad weather puts a stop to outside play on the teeter-totter or the swing set, an inside play area makes a good substitute.

"We've tried to make things work for everyone. I know the



Don Fiser scrambles eggs for his daughter, Carmella Marie. She likes them with ketchup.

Staff photo by BARRON LUDLUM

rules and regulations are hard for the older students to live with but they (rules) have to be the same for everyone," Ms. Dant said. "Traditional students want these policies changed too. I am presently a chairperson on a committee to study the needs of the population. Thirty percent of the students that go to TWU are family people. In order to accommodate, we're going to have to

change as we grow."

Nancy Murphy-Chadwick, director of housing at TWU, said there are "still a lot of kinks yet" in the program. "This is our third year now. Our goal is to convert the entire building to apartments," Ms. Chadwick said. "We have a large percentage of returning students who have families so we get a lot of requests. We have a waiting list now for people

wanting apartments."

The parents are responsible for child care services and medical needs. "We're currently exploring the question of medical services for the kids. The commuters are interested in this too, but right now, we don't have a pediatric nurse," Ms. Chadwick explains. "We can handle some minor emergencies."

"I really think it is a positive program. There was a great need

for something like this and we had to sell that need," she said.

At the end of the day, Fiser picks his daughter up from the TWU child care center and returns to the apartment for dinner before going back to work.

The small round table is set for three as Mrs. Fiser prepares the evening meal. "I never lived in a dorm when I went to college," Fiser said. "The rules are hard to

get used to and living in this apartment, I have no place to actually hide or wind down before going to bed."

But it is home, for now anyway. And Mrs. Fiser believes the situation is a great plus for students going to school. "I think the most beneficial part of this program is the fact that we're all together," she said.

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Hufford converted to apartments

By Adrienne Thomas
Contributing Writer

The last 18 traditional student rooms in Mary Hufford Hall are being converted to 10 new two-bedroom apartments, which are available with stoves refrigerators, paid utilities and local phone service.

Most of the rooms in Hufford Hall, except for the 18 now being remodeled, were developed into family-only living areas in the spring of 1986.

"Hufford was formerly for the

traditional student," said Cheryl Taylor-Walton, residence director at Hufford.

"This remodeling is a service that the housing department is trying to provide for students. We know there is a need, because over half of TWU's population is non-traditional. A majority of these non-traditional women have families and the rooms we had weren't large enough for today's American family," she said.

Walton said that students con-

sidered for residency in Hufford are single parents with children and married students with or without children.

Rent for the apartments range from \$350-380 per month.

The remodeling of Hufford Hall cost \$134,175 said Charles Hanley, director of the physical plant.

The job, which was contracted out to J & J Construction Co. of Denton, began about four weeks ago and should be finished around the first part of December, Hanley said.

Money for the project was allocated by the TWU Board of Regents.

According to a journal in the TWU library's women's collection, Hufford Hall is named for the former TWU dean of women. Service and meeting needs were high points in the late Dr. Mary Hufford's career. When there was a need, she saw that it was met. Just as the family housing unit at Mary Hufford Hall is meeting a need today.



Star-Telegram/PAUL MOSELEY

Doraidine Barrera and son R. Michael Barrera

Bell rings for moms and their kids

By KIM BREWER
Star-Telegram Writer

DENTON — In some ways, the residents of Texas Woman's University's Mary Hufford Hall are like any other college students: They sweat grades, graduation and careers and get together for pizza now and then.

But the residents of Hufford Hall are anything but traditional students. Most are financially struggling single mothers, working toward a college education with kids in tow on campus.

"This is a fantastic structure because these are all parents that are exactly in the same boat you are," says Cindy Gantz, 21, as she pushes her 3-year-old daughter, Jami, on a swing in the Hufford Hall courtyard.

"You're not out there all by yourself trying to be a good parent, work,

go to school and raise your child," says Gantz, a twice-divorced high school dropout who is now aiming for a degree in psychology and a career in personnel management. "I didn't think I'd ever be able to go to college."

Although many universities provide on-campus family housing for students, TWU's Hufford Hall is one of the few geared toward single parents.

"That group has a lot to deal with, coming back to school," says Nancy Murphy Chadwick, director of housing at TWU. "A single parent may be juggling a recent divorce and their own self-concept while dealing with their children and the general academic pressure."

"This tends to be a more supportive environment," Chadwick says.

The pool of traditional college students is shrinking because of the age

of the general population. Colleges are searching for ways to attract non-traditional students to fight declining enrollments, Chadwick said. Providing more family housing and support services is one approach to attracting the non-traditional student at TWU.

About 25 single parents live at Hufford Hall. All are women, ranging in age from 21 to 40. Most have been through a recent divorce. Several dropped out of high school while they were teen-agers and later earned a General Equivalency Diploma or passed college entrance examinations.

Hufford Hall was a traditional dormitory until four years ago, when college officials decided to renovate and make most of the rooms more like one- and two-bedroom apartments. The old dorm cafeteria was turned into a recreation room,

which is now used for meetings, parties and children's activities.

The program has been so successful that TWU officials plan further renovation to make more housing units available for single parents.

Students may pay to place young children in the TWU day-care program on campus or hire their own baby sitters. Some students arrange their class and work schedules so they can baby-sit for each other.

The Denton school district bus picks up and delivers older children at the residence hall's doorstep. For a small fee the students may enroll their children in a supervised after-school activity program in the hall's recreation room.

Meal plan tickets for parents and their children may be purchased from the TWU cafeteria across campus, but most of Hufford Hall par-

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ents say they save money by cooking in their own kitchens.

The residence hall also offers TV rooms (one for kids and one for adults) a laundry, a computer room and an exercise area. No children are allowed in the study hall, where moms can escape and catch up on homework. Residents recently filled one spare room with children's clothing and shoes so they could trade hand-me-downs.

The students are encouraged to attend divorce and parenting support group meetings on campus.

The majority of the women receive student financial aid from the federal government and child support payments from their former spouses. Many also work at part-time jobs as waitresses and secretaries to make ends meet. A Roman Catholic charity group also has been assisting some of the students with food, toys and clothing.

"This is like a dream come true," says Doraidine Barrera, who lives at



Cindy Gantz, with daughter Jamie, is a freshman at TWU and lives in Mary Hufford Hall.

Hufford Hall with her 13-year-old daughter, Teresa, and 10-year-old son, Michael. "I go to bed at night and I thank God that I am here. I am

being given a second chance to go to school."

Barrera, 38, has been divorced for several years. She decided to go back to school after she was laid off from her job as a secretary for the Dallas school district in the spring. She is a pre-law major and her dream is to attend law school at Duke University after earning her bachelor's degree at TWU.

"I don't know to what point I'll get," Barrera says. "Right now I'm just taking it one day at a time. Maybe I'll end up a paralegal."

Wendy Hader, 24, said college has given her the one thing she has lacked all her life: confidence. Hader lived in a succession of foster homes before getting married and giving birth to her two daughters, Erin, 4, and Sarie, 2. The marriage ended in divorce.

"I've failed at everything in my life and I'm finally succeeding," says Hader, who is working toward a degree in physical therapy. "I finally have self-esteem."

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Dorm lets moms combine college, family

By David Webb

OF THE TIMES HERALD STAFF

The students in Texas Woman's University's Mary Hufford Hall moved on campus with heavier loads than most students who live in residence halls. They brought their children with them.

From its two-story, horse-shoe-shaped exterior, the building looks like any other campus residence. But in this structure, you are more likely to hear the laughter of children playing in the courtyard than the sounds of teenagers enjoying rock music.

Twenty-six students and their families, all but three single-parent households, call Hufford Hall home. It now contains 16 efficiency apartments and 12 two-bedroom apartments; 10 more two-bedrooms are scheduled to be completed for the spring semester. A staff of five,

including a residence supervisor, a night desk man and three children's recreation directors, see to the residents' needs.

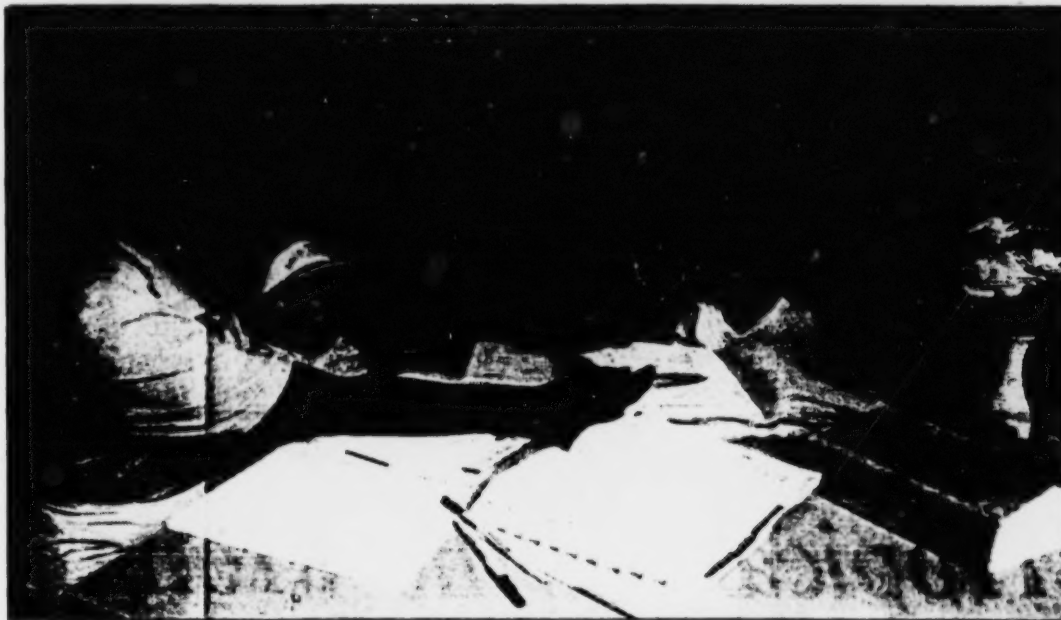
There is a day-care center for the children and often at night, programs are brought to Hufford Hall because the students cannot leave their children to attend functions. A clothing bank allows the students to exchange outgrown children's apparel with each other.

Nancy Murphy-Chadwick, director of housing, said the university is trying to provide an atmosphere that will enhance the academic development of students with children.

"We want to offer the students as much as we can to make it as easy for them to go to school as possible," Murphy-Chadwick said. "They are juggling a lot more roles than the traditional student."

The single mothers living in

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Cheryl Walton, left, and Patricia Buck share studying and motherhood duties.

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Hufford Hall, whose ages range from 20 to 45, look no different from other students walking about the predominantly-female campus. They go to class, take notes at lectures and worry about grades.

Differences are apparent only when they go home and their lives take on added responsibility. When most students living on campus are eating dinner in a cafeteria, cramming for tests in the library or gathered in a dormitory room for a study session, Hufford Hall's students might be cooking dinner for a hungry child, reading aloud or telling a bedtime story.

As hard as it can be to care for a child while going to school, Patty Bucks, 20, said life in Hufford Hall is giving her a second chance. A sophomore chemistry major from Fort Worth, Bucks college education was cut short about two years ago when she became pregnant.

"I probably wouldn't be back in school if we hadn't found this," said Bucks, who is the mother of a 15-month-old. "It's not easy, but we're getting by."

Most of the single mothers living in Hufford Hall are divorced and some were battered wives, Murphy-Chadwick said. All of them need the support provided by the staff and other residents, she said.

The residents also tend to need financial aid, she said.

"We don't have anybody in there that's wealthy," Murphy-

Chadwick said. "Most of them are on some type of financial aid; some students are totally on aid."

Connie Williams, 43, a senior music therapy major, said she returned to school with her 5-year-old during a "mid-life career change." Hufford Hall helped a "dream to come true," she said.

"It means all my needs are met in an economical fashion," said Williams, who also has a 16-year-old living with relatives and was in the real estate business in Dallas before returning to school. "When I got sick last year, a friend here made me chicken soup and another one took care of my kid."

The university charges \$290 per month for furnished efficiency apartments, \$350 for unfurnished two-bedroom units and \$380 per month for furnished two-bedroom units. The rent includes utility and local telephone bills. The campus also is monitored by a security force 24 hours per day.

"You could find a place in town that would be less expensive, but you probably wouldn't want to be there," Murphy-Chadwick said.

Planned activities for the children, such as arts and crafts, sports, field trips and seasonal activities, also attract mothers to the campus. The children regard each other like brothers and sisters, said Marty Zepeda, a senior therapeutic recreation major working with Hufford Hall's children.

"It's like a family here," Zepeda said. "It (children's recreational facility) puts a little bit of discipline and routine in their lives."

Older children living at Hufford Hall attend Denton public



Cedric Thompson/Special to the Times Herald

Student Kim Lee Fleming supervises children at the club house.

schools. The school district's buses transport them to and from the campus.

There is a waiting list of 20 for the apartments at Hufford Hall so 10 new units are under renovation for the spring semester. The university already has spent about \$328,400 renovating the 35-year-old building and expects to spend at least \$126,000 more before the former student co-op is completely converted to student housing for families.

Murphy Chadwick said the university began the renovation

project four years ago to respond to a growing student need. Nationwide, student populations are changing from the more traditional single students to older people, who often have families.

About 44 percent of the TWU's 8,312 population consists of students who are parents, Murphy-Chadwick said. That ratio probably is higher than the national average because 93 percent of the TWU student population are women and they are more likely to have custody of children, she said.

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Recreation programs just for fun

Clubhouse exists for children

by MARIA D. PINON

Staff Writer

For several months now, the TWU Clubhouse Program has benefited TWU students and their children.

The program was started in 1986 by Nancy Murphy-Chadwick, director of TWU Housing, said Omar J. Holguin, TWU recreation coordinator.

The clubhouse program is an afternoon recreation program designed primarily for the children of those students who live on campus. It provides a place for the children while the parents are in class, Holguin said. This avoids costly day-care centers for the parents, he said.

"That's who it's (the program) really designed for. They (parents) don't have to worry while they're in class," Holguin said.

Faculty and staff can also qualify for the program. No prerequisites are needed, but they must be affiliated with TWU. There is a charge for the program,

Holguin said.

The clubhouse program is in operation Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. at Mary Huford Hall.

During the summer, it operates all day, he said.

Currently, seven children are in the program which is designed for children five to 12 years old, Holguin said.

Holguin's duties as coordinator of the clubhouse program vary. He does everything from planning the program to directly interacting with the children's parents.

"I'm in charge of the program," Holguin said.

A new emphasis on physical activity has been placed on the program this year. There is a lack of motor skills in the children, he said.

"We also include creative activities," Holguin said. Activities such as creative movement or dance are included.

Other activities such as relaxation activities and exercise involv-

ing the participation of the children are part of the program as well, Holguin said.

"We'll be doing special events," Holguin said.

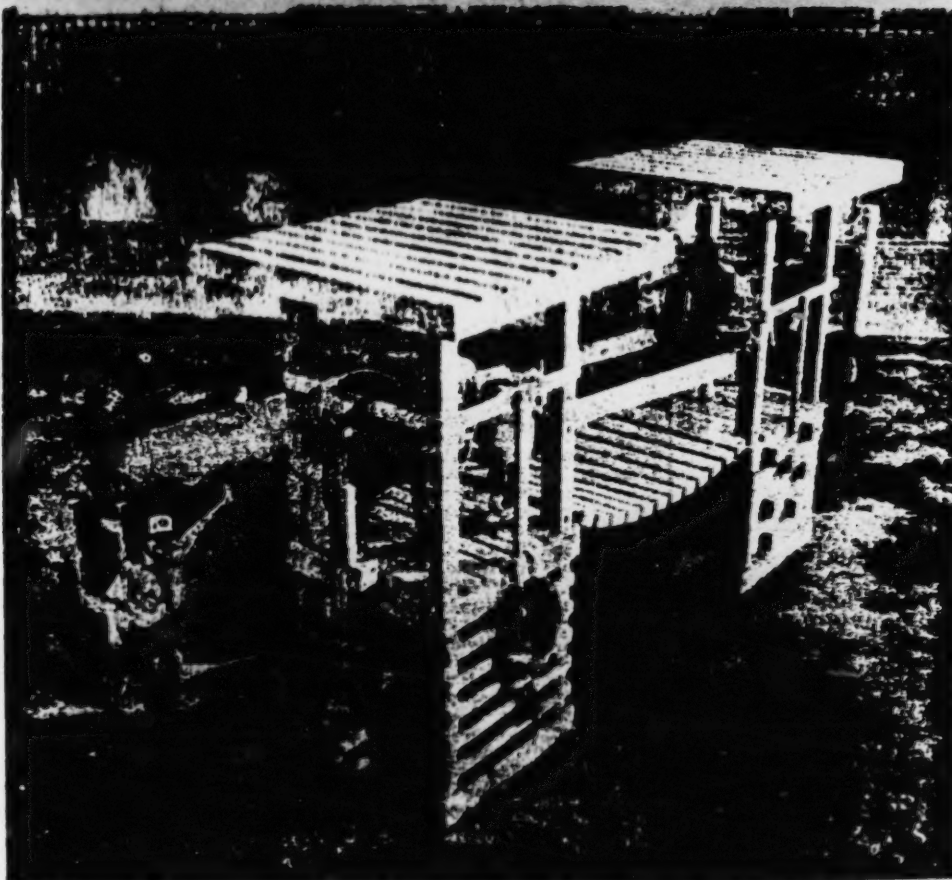
The clubhouse program includes certain steps to enhance children's abilities and participation, he said. They are: 1) improvement of physical skills, 2) providing leisure time activities, 3) enhancing children's self-confidence and self-esteem, and 4) recognizing the children's creative strengths, Holguin said.

"I want to get their physical skills improved," Holguin said.

The children's reactions to the program are positive. Children are enthusiastic and eager to participate in activities, he said.

The feedback from the parents is positive, Holguin said. "They show an interest in what's going on."

Many people are not aware that this type of program for children exists at TWU, he said. "People need to be aware of this program, but they are not," Holguin said.



NEWSPHOTO SERVICE/DAVID PHILLIP

Children play on new playground equipment dedicated Tuesday to a

family residential center at Texas Woman's University.

New playground equipment delights children at TWU dorm

By Dawn Cobb
Staff Writer

New playground equipment dedicated Tuesday to a family residential center at Texas Woman's University delighted 35 children of the 37 families living in the 8-year-old facility.

Many of the families who stay at Mary Huffard Hall are single mothers with children, according to Nancy Murphy-Chadwick, director of university housing at TWU.

"The demand is there for family housing," she said. "We have a lot of single (parent) families returning to school with children."

An old residence hall on campus was used in 1981 to convert rooms into efficiencies and later into two-bedroom apartments in a five-year period. At the same time, the number of families housed at the facility increased 363 percent, she said.

Many of the parents returning to TWU as students bring with them a variety of roles to play, which are addressed by university resources in areas such as family relations, parenting and dealing with stress.

Rents for some of the families who live at the TWU campus are paid by the Denton Housing Authority, which provides assistance to low-income families, Mrs. Murphy-Chadwick said. "We really have a mixture of people in varying

financial conditions." Students like the less expensive housing, on-campus security and accessibility to classes that living on campus provides, she said.

The university also provides a clubhouse recreation program for children ages 5 to 12 to provide supervised play time in areas of music therapy, language and literature, art education, occupational therapy, and speech and hearing coordination.

University housing is supported by auxiliary funds using rent and registration fees collected by residents and participants of various programs.

The playground equipment, purchased through a combination of donations, fundraisers and auxiliary funds, was sought to fill the needs of children living in Huffard Hall as well as children in the clubhouse program.

The equipment, designed by Eric Strickland from Grounds for Play of Dallas, was developed to accommodate children, ranging in ages from toddlers to pre-teens. The superstructure comes complete with a tube slide, climber bridge, tire swing, totum climb and covered platforms — all at a cost of \$5,500.

Mrs. Murphy-Chadwick said the department is seeking outside funds for the purchase of additional playground equipment to finish the project for the children. Total cost of the complete structure is \$22,000, she said.

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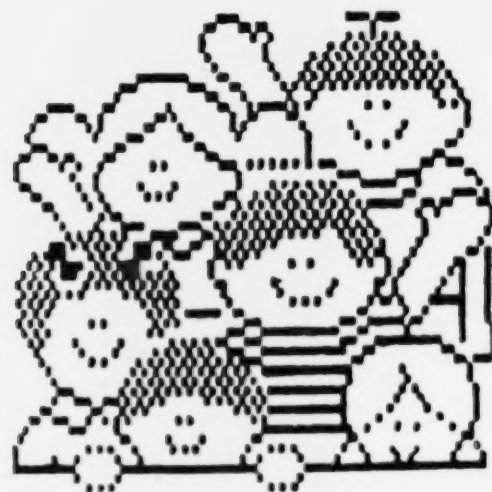
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CHILDREN'S RECREATION PROGRAM

Mary Hufford Hall

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THE CLUBHOUSE is a recreational program designed for elementary schoolage children between the ages of 5 (as of Sept. 1, 1989) and 12 years belonging to TWU students living in Family Housing. Children of TWU commuter students are also eligible to enroll providing space is available. The Clubhouse will be open Monday through Friday from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. There is a non-refundable \$15.00 application fee which must accompany the application. This will be applied only to the Spring semester Clubhouse tuition.

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- sports
- rhythms
- skating
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- motor skills
- storytelling/reading
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1st SESSION-FALL SEMESTER (17 WEEKS)
AUGUST 28 TO DECEMBER 16

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<u>RATES (Per Session)</u>	<u>1st Child</u>	<u>Each Addt'l</u>	<u>RATES (Per Session)</u>	<u>1st Child</u>	<u>Each Addt'l</u>
Living ON Campus	\$160/Sess.	\$120/Sess.	Living OFF Campus	\$200/Sess.	\$160/Sess.

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